GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:363
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PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any proposal to take up some of the Railway projects during Eleventh plan on public/private partnership;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a Committee of Experts is also proposed to be set up to set clear terms for the role of the private sector in railway expansion;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) whether the selection of projects have also been streamlined; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (f) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 363 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.11.2006 REGARDING PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN RAILWAYS

(a) : Yes, Sir

(b) to (f): A number of areas/activities such as upgradation of stations at major metropolitan cities, establishment of super specialty hospitals, setting up of manufacturing units for rolling stock, infrastructure projects for port connectivity through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) and several activities in catering/tourism and hospitality area have been identified for possible execution through public- private partnership route. Consultation with various Chambers of Commerce / Industry as also the Ministry of Finance and Planning Commission is a continuous and ongoing exercise in this regard. The entire process is at an incipient stage.